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FM AMCONSUL LOURENCO MARQUES

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE NIACT 3360

AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM IMMEDIATE

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AMEMBASSY LISBON

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AMEMBASSY LUSAKA IMMEDIATE

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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FRELIMO PARDONS 240 "TRAITORS"

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 806

1. I RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN AND/OR EMBASSY DAR-ES-SALAAM QUICKLY ISSUE CATEGORIC DENIAL OF GUMANE'S CHARGE THAT AFTER FRELIMO VICTORY LAST YEAR HE WAS ADVISED BY THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN LUSAKA TO RETURN QUICKLY TO MOZAMBIQUE IN ORDER TO BUILD HIMSELF UP BEFORE FRELIMO SEIZED POWER (SEE PARA 4, REFTEL). EMBASSY LUSAKA MIGHT BE ABLE TO ADD ADDITIONAL FACTS COUNTERING THIS CHARGE.

2. WE IN LOURENCO MARQUES HAVE HAD NO REPEAT NO CONTACT WITH GUMANE, AS FAR BACK AS WE CAN TRACE.

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EM DENIAL WILL NOT NECESSARILY STOP FURTHER "CONFESSIONS" OR CHARGES. HOWEVER, IT WILL PROVIDE PEG ON WHICH EMBASSIES DAR AND LUSAKA AS WELL AS THIS CONSULATE GENERAL AND OTHER AFRICAN POSTS CAN BASE THEIR COMMENTS WHEN ASKED BY PRESS OR WHEN APPROPRIATE. GUMANE'S CHARGES WILL ALMOST SURELY BE PICKED UP BY PRO-COMMUNIST MEDIA AND REPLAYED IN OTHER PARTS OF AFRICA. WHILE REFERENCES TO U.S. BY GUMANE HAVE BEEN CONSPI- CUOUSLY ABSENT THUS FAR FROM MOZAMBIQUE PRESS, THIS ABSENCE WILL CONTINUE ONLY IF FRELIMO SPECIFICALLY ORDERS IT. REQUEST AUTHORITY CATEGORICALLY DENY CHARGES MENTIONED PARA 1 ABOVE.

4. EMBASSIES DAR AND LUSAKA MAY WISH COMMENT.
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